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COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
GENERAL SECRETARIAT

PRESS RELEASE

4164/85 (Presse 3)

983rd meeting of the Council

- Agriculture -

Brussels, 14 and 15 January 1985

President : Mr Filippo Maria PANDOLFI,
Minister for Agriculture
of the Italian Republic

LIBRARY

The Governments of the Member States and the Commission of the European Communities were represented as follows:

Belgium:

Mr Paul de KEERSMAEKER
State Secretary for European
Affairs and Agriculture

Denmark:

Mr Niels Anker KOFOED
Minister for Agriculture

Germany:

Mr Ignaz KIECHLE
Federal Minister for Food,
Agriculture and Forestry

Greece:

Mr Constantinos SIMITIS
Minister for Agriculture

Mr Walther FLORIAN
State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Food,
Agriculture and Forestry

France:

Mr Michel ROCARD
Minister for Agriculture

Ireland:

Mr Austin DEASY
Minister for Agriculture

Italy:

Mr Filippo Maria PANDOLFI
Minister for Agriculture

Luxembourg:

Mr Marc FISCHBACH
Minister for Agriculture and
Viticulture

Mr Giulio SANTARELLI
State Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture

Mr René STEICHEN
State Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture and
Viticulture

Netherlands:

Mr Gerrit BRAKS
Minister for Agriculture
and Fisheries

United Kingdom:

Mr Michael JOPLING
Minister for Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Mr John MacGREGOR
Minister of State,
Ministry of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Commission:

Mr Frans H.J.J. ANDRIESEN - Member

WINE

After hearing an initial report from the Special Committee on Agriculture the Council examined a number of questions concerning adjustment of the wine arrangements involving both the future system of compulsory distillation and structural measures.

It instructed the Special Committee on Agriculture and the Working Party on Wine to study the abovementioned questions in the light of its discussions so that it could finalize the matter at its next meeting.

The Council noted that the Commission would shortly be submitting proposals on the question of the specific measures for Greece.

BEEF AND VEAL

The Council adopted Regulations:

- opening, allocating and providing for the administration for 1985 of a Community tariff quota for frozen beef and veal falling within subheading 02.01 A II b) of the Common Customs Tariff at a duty of 20%. The total quota is 50 000 t, 500 t of which constitute the reserve. The first instalment of 49 500 t is divided into two parts, broken down between the Member States as follows:

	For the part totalling 33 165 tonnes	For the part totalling 16 335 tonnes
Benelux	3 157	1 555
Denmark	155	77
Germany	5 960	2 935
Greece	1 693	832
France	3 310	1 631
Ireland	3	2
Italy	9 561	4 709
United Kingdom	9 326	4 594

- opening a Community tariff quota for 1985 of 29 800 t for high-quality, fresh, chilled or frozen beef (Hilton beef) falling within subheadings 02.01 A II a) and b) of the Community Customs Tariff at a duty of 20%.

It also adopted, by a qualified majority, the estimates concerning:

- young male bovine animals (190 000 head) weighing 300 kilograms or less and intended for fattening for the period 1 January to 31 December 1985, which are allocated as follows:

Italy	: 164 300 head
Greece	: 25 100 head
Other Member States:	600 head;

- beef and veal (50 000 t) intended for the processing industry for the period 1 January to 31 December 1985.

STRUCTURES POLICY

- A. The Council made progress in its discussions on improving the efficiency of agricultural structures. It noted that some points needed to be examined further.
- B. The Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to prepare the dossier on the financial implications of the structures policy bearing in mind the Council's conclusions on budgetary discipline.
- C/D. The Council also discussed the specific measures for Greece, viz.
- introduction of aid for the transhumance of sheep, goats and cattle
 - increase in the staff of the departments responsible for the quality control of agricultural products
 - authorization for the grant of national aid for the transport of means of production to certain islands,
- and the extension of certain measures approved by the Council in 1978 and 1979:
- improvement of public amenities in certain rural areas
 - common measure for forestry in certain Mediterranean zones of the Community.

The Council will resume its examination of all these subjects at its next meeting in February, on the basis of an overall compromise to be submitted by the Presidency in conjunction with the Commission.

MILK SECTOR

The Council held an initial discussion on a number of technical adjustments in the application of the superlevy system in the milk sector, proposed by the Commission as a result of difficulties currently being experienced in most Member States.

It instructed the Special Committee on Agriculture to examine these proposals speedily and thoroughly so that it could take a decision on them as soon as possible.

LAYING HENS KEPT IN BATTERY CAGES

The Council took note of a Commission statement to the effect that in February it would be submitting to the Council a report on research carried out in the Community on the welfare of laying hens in various farming systems and the possible economic and financial consequences of the adoption of minimum Community standards for the cages of these hens.

The Council decided to resume its examination of this matter at a forthcoming meeting, after receipt of the report in question.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Other agricultural decisions

The Council took note of the Commission report on the market in new potatoes.

Fisheries

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation extending until 31 December 1985 the validity of the following Regulations:

- Regulation (EEC) No 1/85 fixing, for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, provisional total allowable catches for 1985 and certain conditions under which they may be fished;
- Regulation (EEC) No 2/85 allocating for 1985, catch quotas in Greenland waters;
- Regulation (EEC) No 3/85 allocating certain catch quotas between Member States for vessels fishing in the Norwegian economic zone and the fishery zone around Jan Mayen;
- Regulation (EEC) No 4/85 laying down for 1985 certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources to vessels flying the flag of Norway;
- Regulation (EEC) No 5/85 laying down for 1985 certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels registered in the Faroe Islands;
- Regulation (EEC) No 6/85 allocating catch quotas between Member States for vessels fishing in Faroese waters;
- Regulation (EEC) No 7/85 laying down for 1985 certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of Spain;
- Regulation (EEC) No 8/85 laying down certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of certain non-member countries in the 200-nautical-mile zone off the coast of the French department of Guyana.

Commercial policy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of pentaerythritol originating in Canada.

Energy

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Resolution on the improvement of energy-saving programmes in Member States (see Press Release 10441/84 (Presse 190) of 13 November 1984).

ECSC

The Council gave its assent, pursuant to Article 56(2)(a) of the ECSC Treaty, to the granting of global loans to:

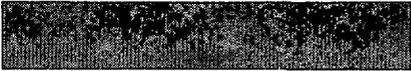
- Commerzbank AG, Düsseldorf (Federal Republic of Germany)
- Deutsche Bank AG, - Frankfurt (Federal Republic of Germany).

Appointment

On a proposal from the Luxembourg Government, the Council appointed Mr P. WISELER, Senior Government Official responsible for Vocational Training, an alternate member of the Committee of the European Social Fund in place of Mr A. SCHROEDER, alternate member who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 23 May 1985.



COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES
GENERAL SECRETARIAT



PRESS RELEASE

4407/85 (Presse 8)

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984th meeting of the Council
- Foreign Affairs -
Brussels, 28 and 29 January 1985
President: Mr Giulio ANDREOTTI

Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Republic of Italy

The Governments of the Member States and the Commission of the European Communities were represented as follows:

Belgium:

Mr Leo TINDEMANS Minister for External Relations
Mr Paul de KEERSMAEKER State Secretary for European Affairs

Denmark:

Mr Uffe ELLEMANN-JENSEN Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Knud-Erik TYGESEN State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Germany:

Mr Hans-Dietrich GENSCHER Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Jürgen RUHFUS State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Greece:

Mr Théodoros PANGALOS State Secretary for European
Economic Community Affairs

France:

Mr Roland DUMAS Minister for Foreign Affairs
Ms Catherine LALUMIERE State Secretary attached to the
Ministry for Foreign Affairs,
responsible for European Affairs

Ireland:

Mr Peter BARRY Minister for Foreign Affairs

Italy:

Mr Giulio ANDREOTTI Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Francesco FORTE Minister for Co-ordination of
Community Policies
Mr Mario FIORET State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Luxembourg:

Mr Jacques F. POOS

Vice-President of the Government,
Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr Robert GOEBBELS

State Secretary for Foreign Affairs,
Foreign Trade and Co-operation

Netherlands:

Mr H. van den BROEK

Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr W.F. van EEKELEN

State Secretary for Foreign Affairs

United Kingdom:

Sir Geoffrey HOWE

Secretary of State for Foreign
and Commonwealth Affairs

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Commission:

Mr Jacques DELORS

President

Mr Frans H.J.J. ANDRIESEN

Vice-President

Mr Henning CHRISTOPHERSEN

Vice-President

Mr Lorenzo NATALI

Vice-President

Mr Claude CHEYSSON

Vice-President

SPANISH/PORTUGUESE ACCESSION

After detailed preparation by the Council, the 27th ministerial meeting with Spain took place on 28 January and the 25th ministerial meeting with Portugal on 29 January.

The Spanish delegation was headed by Mr MORAN, Minister for Foreign Affairs, and the Portuguese delegation by Mr RODRIGUES LOPES, Minister for Finance and Planning.

These meetings provided an opportunity to take general stock of the negotiations following the intensive exploratory talks which the Commission has been holding since December, to take note of progress and to exchange views in details on possible solutions to outstanding problems, particularly in the agriculture, fisheries and social affairs chapters.

The Community and its two partners acknowledged the absolute need to complete the bulk of the accession negotiations in March before the European Council meeting. Every effort will be made to achieve this objective at the next ministerial meetings from 18 to 20 February. If necessary, extraordinary meetings will be called at the beginning of March.

INTEGRATED MEDITERRANEAN PROGRAMMES

After a statement by the President, Mr DELORS, the Council exchanged views on the Integrated Mediterranean Programmes.

The Council noted that the Commission would update its proposal on the subject and submit it to the Council as soon as possible to enable the Council to discuss it without delay.

COMMUNITY OWN RESOURCES

The Council examined possible ways of following up the conclusions of the European Council in Fontainebleau both as regards new own resources and the undertaking given to the United Kingdom concerning its compensation for 1984, and of enabling the budget procedure to be resumed so that a budget for 1985 might be agreed upon.

Following the debate, the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to resume its examination of these problems in the light of the discussions so that the Council could reach agreement at its meeting in February 1985.

CANADIAN RESTRICTIONS ON BEEF AND VEAL IMPORTS

The Council expressed deep concern at the restrictions on beef and veal imports recently introduced by Canada which had serious and unjustified adverse effects on Community exports. It gave its full support to the action undertaken by the Commission to try to reach a rapid and satisfactory solution and intended, if that failed, to exercise all the rights afforded to the Community under GATT.

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APPOINTMENT OF THE VICE-PRESIDENTS OF THE COMMISSION

The representatives of the Governments of the Member States appointed

Mr Frans H.J.J. ANDRIESSEN

Mr Henning CHRISTOPHERSEN

Lord COCKFIELD

Mr Karl-Heinz NARJES

Mr Lorenzo NATALI

Vice-Presidents of the Commission of the European Communities until 5 January 1987 inclusive.

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MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Greenland

The ratification procedures concerning the Treaty amending the Treaties establishing the European Communities as regards Greenland, which was signed on 13 March 1984, have just been completed by the 10 contracting parties; this Treaty will therefore enter into force on 1 February 1985.

With a view to the entry into force on the same date of the provisions governing future relations with Greenland in respect of fisheries, the Council adopted the Regulations:

- on the conclusion of the of the Agreement on fisheries between the European Economic Community on the one hand, and the Government of Denmark and the local Government of Greenland, on the other,
- on the conclusion of the Protocol on the conditions relating to fishing between the European Economic Community, on the one hand, and the Government of Denmark and the local Government of Greenland, on the other,
- laying down certain specific measures in connection with the special fisheries arrangements applicable to Greenland.

Trade

The Council decided to sign the International Convention on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System on behalf of the European Economic Community, subject to acceptance.

The Council also authorized the Commission to negotiate the conclusion of agreements in the form of exchanges of letters with Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia and Turkey concerning the additional amounts to be deducted from the levy on imports into the Community of untreated olive oil originating in those countries.

Lastly, the Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities, Regulations:

- repealing the definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of upright pianos originating in the Soviet Union;
- imposing a definitive anti-dumping duty on imports of oxalic acid originating in Brazil.

Relations with North Yemen

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Regulation concerning the conclusion of the Co-operation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Arab Republic of Yemen (see EEC-YEMEN (Y.A.R.) Press Release 3401/84 (Presse 160) of 9.X.84). This Agreement will therefore enter into force on 1 February 1985.

Euro-Arab Dialogue

The Council adopted the Decision giving authorization to the Commission and laying down negotiating directives for the participation of the Community in the Euro-Arab Convention for the reciprocal promotion and protection of investments.

Community transit

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities Regulations on the application of Decisions Nos 2/84 of the EEC-Switzerland/EEC-Austria Joint Committees on Community transit amending the Agreements between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation/Republic of Austria on the application of the rules on Community transit.

Transport

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision on the conclusion of the agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Spain on international combined road/rail carriage of goods.

Agriculture

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities

- a Regulation amending Regulation No 136/66/EEC on the establishment of a common organization of the market in oils and fats (see Press Release 9905/84 (Presse 169) of 22/23.X.84);
- Directives
 - = on the financing of health inspections and controls of fresh meat and poultrymeat from 1 January 1986,
 - = amending Directive 81/645/EEC concerning the Community list of less-favoured farming areas within the meaning of Directive 75/268/EEC (Greece) and extending them.

Appointments

On a proposal by the Irish Government, the Council appointed Mr D. MURPHY, General Secretary of the Civil Service Executive Union, a member and Mr W.A. ATTLEY, General Secretary of the Federated Workers' Union of Ireland, an alternate to the European Social Fund Committee in replacement of Mr P. CARDIFF, member who has resigned, and of Mr D. MURPHY, alternate who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's terms of office, which run until 23 May 1985.

On a proposal by the Netherlands Government, the Council also appointed Mr i.r. B.J. VAN DER TOOM, Sekretaris Koninklijk Nederlands Landbouw Comité, a member of the European Social Fund Committee in replacement of Mrs G.A. DE LANGE, alternate who has resigned, for the remainder of her term of office, which runs until 23 May 1985.

PRESS RELEASE
4681/85 (Presse 11)

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985th meeting of the Council

- Internal Market/Consumer Protection -

Brussels, 11 February 1985

President: Mr Francesco FORTE,
Minister for Co-ordination
of Community Policies
of the Italian Republic

The Governments of the Member States and the Commission of the European Communities were represented as follows:

Belgium:

Mr Paul de KEERSMAEKER
State Secretary,
European Affairs and Agriculture

Denmark:

Mr Isi FOIGHEL
Minister for Taxation

Germany:

Mr Otto SCHLECHT
State Secretary
Federal Ministry of Economic
Affairs

Greece:

Mr Andréas KAZAZIS
State Secretary
Ministry of Trade

France:

Mrs Catherine LALUMIERE
State Secretary attached to the
Minister for Foreign Relations,
responsible for European Affairs

Ireland:

Mr Edward COLLINS
Minister of State at the Department
of Energy and the Department of
Industry, Trade, Commerce and
Tourism

Italy:

Mr Francesco FORTE
Minister for Co-ordination of
Community Policies

Luxembourg:

Mr Robert GOEBBELS
State Secretary for Foreign Affairs,
External Commerce and Co-operation

Netherlands:

Mr W.F. van EEKELEN
State Secretary
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

United Kingdom:

Mr Paul CHANNON
Minister for Trade

Commission:

Lord COCKFIELD
Vice-President

Mr Stanley Clinton DAVIS
Member

Mr Carlo RIPA DI MEANA
Member

STANDARDIZATION

The Council took note of a Commission communication outlining the Commission's new approach on technical harmonization. It emphasized the importance and urgent nature of this matter and invited the Permanent Representatives Committee to examine the content of the communication as swiftly as possible so that it would be able to take a decision on the initiative at its next meeting.

EUROPEAN ECONOMIC INTEREST GROUPING (EEIG)

The Council took note of a communication by the Presidency on progress made on the amended proposal for a Regulation on the establishment of a European Economic Interest Grouping. At the same time the Council confirmed the importance of the proposal in facilitating trans-boundary co-operation between undertakings, particularly between small and medium-sized enterprises. It instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to expedite its work on the matter so that it could discuss the proposal at its next meeting.

EASING OF CHECKS AND FORMALITIES AT INTRA-COMMUNITY FRONTIERS

The Council noted that the Commission had submitted a proposal for a Directive on the easing of checks and formalities for citizens of the Member States crossing intra-Community frontiers. The proposal forms part of the action to be taken following the conclusions of the European Council at Fontainebleau, by the establishment of a Citizens' Europe.

The Council agreed to instruct the Permanent Representatives Committee to study the proposal and report back in the near future, on the understanding that the Presidency would maintain contact with the Chair of the ad hoc Committee (Adonnino) for a Citizens' Europe so that discussions within the Committee and the Council did not progress on divergent lines.

CO-ORDINATION OF THE LAWS OF THE MEMBER STATES RELATING TO "SELF-EMPLOYED" COMMERCIAL AGENTS

The Council took note of a progress report by the Presidency on the amended proposal for a Directive on the co-ordination of the laws of the Member States relating to "self-employed" commercial agents. Noting that the proposal was still the subject of a reservation by one delegation, the Council agreed to discuss it at its next meeting; active steps would be taken in the meantime to reach a compromise solution.

PHARMACY

The Council further discussed the proposals concerning right of establishment in the field of pharmacy.

However, since one delegation was still unable to support the majority position, the Council agreed to return to the matter at its next meeting in the hope of reaching unanimous agreement.

ARCHITECTS

The Council resumed its discussions on the right of establishment and freedom to provide services in architecture, and in particular the recognition of diplomas conferred by architecture "Fachhochschulen" in Germany after a three-year course of study.

The Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue seeking agreement on the basis of a compromise proposal submitted by the Presidency at the meeting so that a decision could be taken at its next meeting.

TAX EXEMPTIONS

The Council further examined tax exemptions for travellers, small consignments and fuel on the basis of a compromise proposal from the Presidency.

Following this examination, the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue proceedings on the matter on the basis of an amended compromise to be submitted by the Presidency.

CONSUMER PROTECTION AND INFORMATION POLICY

The Council took note of a statement by the Commission on consumer protection and information policy with a view to the organization of future discussions on the matter.

LIABILITY FOR DEFECTIVE PRODUCTS

The Council further examined the amended proposal for a Directive on harmonization of the laws concerning liability for defective products.

The Council concluded by agreeing that the discussions should continue on the basis of the 1982 overall compromise in the form of four points, which it considered capable of producing agreement. It consequently asked the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue discussions on that basis with a view to reaching agreement in the Council during the Italian Presidency.

DOORSTEP SELLING

The Council re-examined the proposal for a Directive to protect the consumer in respect of contracts negotiated away from business premises (doorstep selling).

The Council noted that one delegation was still unable to withdraw its reservation on the proposal.

It consequently agreed to return to the matter at a forthcoming meeting in the hope of securing a positive outcome.

PRESS RELEASE

4682/85 (Presse 12)

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986th meeting of the Council
- Economic and Financial Affairs -
Brussels, 11 February 1985

President: Mr Giovanni GORIA
Minister for the Treasury
of the Italian Republic

The Governments of the Member States and the Commission of the European Communities were represented as follows:

Belgium:

Mr F. GROOTJANS
Deputy Prime Minister
Minister for Finance

Germany:

Mr Gerhard STOLTENBERG
Federal Minister for Finance

Mr Hans TIETMEYER
State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Finance

France:

Mr Pierre BEREGOVY
Minister for Economic Affairs,
Finance and the Budget

Italy;

Mr Giovanni GORIA
Minister for the Treasury

Mr Carlo FRACANZANI
State Secretary,
Ministry of the Treasury

Netherlands:

Mr H. RUDING
Minister for Finance

Denmark:

Mr Jakob Esper LARSEN
Ambassador,
Permanent Representative

Greece:

Mr Alexandre ZAFIRIOU
Ambassador,
Permanent Representative

Ireland:

Mr Alan DUKES
Minister for Finance

Luxembourg:

Mr Jean-Claude JUNCKER
Minister attached to the
Minister of Finance

United Kingdom:

Mr Nigel LAWSON
Chancellor of the Exchequer

Commission:

Mr Frans H.J.J. ANDRIESEN
Vice-President

Lord COCKFIELD
Vice-President

FINANCING THE FUTURE AGRICULTURAL STRUCTURES POLICY

In the course of its discussions on the review of the agricultural structures policy the Council had a detailed exchange of views on the problems of the future financing of that policy. The Council's discussions concentrated on the following aspects:

- the estimate of the expenditure needed to implement the various structural measures over the period 1985 to 1989;
- the definition of the expenditure framework.

Although the discussions confirmed certain differences of approach to this subject by delegations, there emerged a willingness on the part of the Council to reach a rapid conclusion.

To this end, the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to expedite its work - in the light of what had been said during this meeting - in order to reconcile the positions of delegations and enable the Council to reach a conclusion as quickly as possible.

ENCOURAGING CO-OPERATION BETWEEN UNDERTAKINGS OF DIFFERENT MEMBER STATES

The Council resumed discussion of fiscal measures to encourage co-operation between undertakings of different Member States on the basis of an overall compromise put forward by the French Presidency in June 1984.

Following a discussion of the still unresolved problem of the withholding taxes levied in the Federal Republic of Germany on dividends distributed to parent companies in other Member States - a problem on which the Commission mooted a new idea for a compromise - the Council instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue examining the matter in order to reach a rapid conclusion.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Research

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision adopting the 1985 work programme for the European Strategic Programme for Research and Development in Information Technologies: ESPRIT.

Trade Questions

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision on the conclusion of the Agreement extending the temporary agreement on concerted discipline between the European Economic Community and Spain on cheese imports into Spain.

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation definitively collecting the provisional anti-dumping duty imposed on imports of copper sulphate originating in Poland.

Lastly, the Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision authorizing the extension or tacit renewal of certain trade agreements concluded between the Member States and third countries.

ECSC

The Council gave its assent under Article 54, second paragraph, of the ECSC Treaty to the granting of global loans to:

- Westfalenbank AG, Bochum
- Industriekreditbank AG, Deutsche Industriebank, Düsseldorf
- Commerzbank AG, Düsseldorf
- Saarländische Investitionskreditbank AG, Saarbrücken
- Westdeutsche Genossenschafts-Zentralbank, Münster
- Société Générale de Banque, Bruxelles
- Dresdner Bank AG, Frankfurt

The Council also gave its assent under Article 54, second paragraph, of the ECSC Treaty

- for the financing of a coal handling terminal with an industrial loan at a reduced rate of interest
- to the grant of a loan for co-financing the conversion from oil or gas to coal firing of boilers at Tate and Lyle Refineries.

Lastly, the Council gave its assent pursuant to Article 56(2)(a) of the ECSC Treaty concerning

- Magnet Joinery Ltd (United Kingdom)
- Mecan ARBED (Luxembourg).

Appointment

Acting on a proposal from the Irish Government, the Council appointed Mr R. SHEEHAN, Assistant Principal Officer, Department of Labour, an alternate member of the Advisory Committee on Freedom of Movement for Workers, in place of Mr P. HAYDEN, who has resigned, pending the renewal of the Committee.

PRESS RELEASE

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4871/85 (Presse 16)

987th meeting of the Council

- Foreign Affairs -

Brussels, 18 and 19 February 1985

President: Mr Giulio ANDREOTTI

Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Republic of Italy

The Governments of the Member States and the Commission of the European Communities were represented as follows:

Belgium:

Mr Leo TINDEMANS Minister for Foreign Relations

Denmark:

Mr Knud-Erik TYGESEN State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Germany:

Mr Hans-Dietrich GENSCHER Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr Jürgen RUHFUS State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Greece:

Mr Théodoros PANGALOS State Secretary for European
Economic Community Affairs

France:

Mr Roland DUMAS Minister for Foreign Relations

Ms Catherine LALUMIERE State Secretary attached to the
Minister for Foreign Relations,
with responsibility for European
Affairs

Ireland:

Mr Peter BARRY Minister for Foreign Affairs

Italy:

Mr Giulio ANDREOTTI Minister for Foreign Affairs

Mr Mario FIORET State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Luxembourg:

Mr Jacques F. POOS	Vice-President of the Government, Minister for Foreign Affairs
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Netherlands:

Mr H. van den BROEK	Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr W.F. van EEKELEN	State Secretary for Foreign Affairs

United Kingdom:

Sir Geoffrey HOWE	Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs
Mr Malcolm RIFKIND	Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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Commission:

Mr Jacques DELORS	President
Mr Frans H.J.J. ANDRIESSEN	Vice-President
Mr Henning CHRISTOPHERSEN	Vice-President
Mr Lorenzo NATALI	Vice-President

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SPANISH/PORTUGUESE ACCESSION

The Council held a wide-ranging debate on the proposals submitted by the Commission concerning agriculture, fisheries and social affairs.

In the light of this debate, the President of the Council and the Commission held detailed exploratory talks, first with the Spanish delegation headed by Mr MORAN, Minister for Foreign Affairs, and then with the Portuguese delegation headed by Mr RODRIGUES LOPES, Minister for Finance and Planning. The talks were followed by the 28th Ministerial meeting of the Conference with Spain and the 26th Ministerial meeting of the Conference with Portugal.

These meetings made it possible to take stock of each set of negotiations, to assess the areas of convergence, particularly in the agricultural and social affairs sectors, to pinpoint the remaining difficulties, notably in the fisheries sector, and to explore possible ways towards a solution.

The Community and its partners confirmed their determination to complete the bulk of the negotiations by the end of March and to step up the negotiating process to that end.

The Council will in particular hold a special additional meeting on enlargement on 28 February 1985.

OWN RESOURCES

The Council continued its discussion on Community own resources on the basis of a compromise submitted by the Presidency. However, it was still unable to reach agreement. The Council will therefore continue discussing this item at its next meeting.

INTEGRATED MEDITERRANEAN PROGRAMMES

The Commission told the Council that it would be submitting its new proposals on this matter in the next few days. The Council therefore agreed to hold further discussions on this item.

FOOD AID

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Regulation laying down the implementing rules for 1985 for the framework Regulation on food aid policy and food aid management. This Regulation needed to be adopted to permit the immediate implementation of the 1985 food aid programme.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Relations with China

The Council approved the outcome of the Commission negotiations with China for the conclusion of a Trade Co-operation Agreement between the Community and the People's Republic of China and decided to sign the Agreement in the near future (probably in May).

Customs Union

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, the Regulations:

- simplifying formalities in trade in goods within the Community;
- introducing a specimen declaration form to be used in trade in goods within the Community.

Relations with the ACP States and the OCT

The Member States signed the Internal Agreements on:

- the measures and procedures required for implementation of the third ACP-EEC Convention of Lomé;
- the financing and administration of Community aid.

Relations with the Mediterranean countries

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities

- the Regulations on the conclusion of the Agreements in the form of Exchanges of Letters between the European Economic Community and Israel, Morocco and Tunisia respectively concerning fruit salads (1985);
- the Regulations on the conclusion and implementation of the Agreements in the form of Exchanges of Letters between the European Economic Community and Morocco, Tunisia and Turkey respectively fixing the additional amount to be deducted from the levy on imports into the Community of untreated olive oil originating in those countries.

Research

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities, the Decisions concerning the conclusion of:

- the Co-operation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Swiss Confederation on research and development in the field of wood as a renewable raw material;
- the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Sweden on three concerted action projects in the fields of hearing impairment, thrombosis and disabilities, and nutrition.

Agriculture

The Council adopted, in the official languages of the Communities, Directives:

- extending until 31 August 1985 Directive 78/627/EEC on the programme to accelerate the restructuring and conversion of vineyards in certain Mediterranean regions in France;
- extending until 31 December 1985 Directive 79/173/EEC on the programme for the acceleration and guidance of collective irrigation works in Corsica.

ECSC

The Council gave its assent:

- pursuant to Article 56(2)(a) of the ECSC Treaty, concerning Landesbank Girozentrale Düsseldorf, Germany;
- pursuant to Article 55 of the ECSC Treaty, concerning the 5th ECSC Programme of ergonomics.

Appointments

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Decision appointing the members of the Consultative Committee of the European Coal and Steel Community for the period from 1985 to 1987:

PRODUCERS CATEGORY

Coal Sector

Steel Sector

BELGIUM

Mr Pierre URBAIN

Mr Christian OURY
Mr Rudolf GAUDER

DENMARK

Mr Niels W. HOLM

GERMANY

Dr Karlheinz BUND
Dr Heinz HORN
Mr Rudolf LENHARTZ
Dr Dietrich BUSS

Dr Heinz KRIWET
Dr Ruprecht VONDRAN
Dr Jurgen KRACKOW

FRANCE

Mr Marc IPPOLITO
Mr Pierre POUQUET

Mr Michel COLLAS
Mr Yves-Pierre SOULE

GREECE

Mr Georges KOUTSOUMARIS

IRELAND

Mr L.S. COUGHLAN

ITALY

Mr Adamo ADANI
Mr Andrea PITTINI

LUXEMBOURG

Mr Jean-Marc WAGENER
Mr André ROBERT

NETHERLANDS

Drs J.D. HOOGLANDT

UNITED KINGDOM

Mr J.R. COWAN
Mr H.M. SPANTON
Mr W.G. JENSEN

Mr R. SCHOLEY
Dr D. GRIEVES
Mr J.D. MOUNTFORD

WORKERS CATEGORY

BELGIUM

Mr Jean DOYEN
Mr Georges DUHIN
Mr Jan OLYSLAEGERS

DENMARK

Mr Dines SCHMIDT-NIELSEN

GERMANY

Mr Karl KRÄMER
Mr Walter SCHMIDT
Mr Karl-Heinz SABELLEK
Mr Hans MAYR

FRANCE

Mr Bernard LAMIRAND
Mr Jean-Marie SPAETH
Mr René MERTZ
Mr Daniel IMBERT

GREECE

Mr SIAS

IRELAND

Mr Chris KIRWAN

ITALY

Mr Pierpaulo BARETTA
Mr Giancarlo BATTISTELLI
Dott. Agostino CONTE

LUXEMBOURG

Mr Mario CASTEGNARO

NETHERLANDS

Mr P. SWART
Mr H.W.J. PEPPERKAMP

UNITED KINGDOM

Mr R.L. EVANS
Mr E. LINTON
Mr N. LEADLEY
Mr P. McNESTRY

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CONSUMERS AND DEALERS CATEGORY

BELGIUM

Mr Roger PAQUET
Mr Lodewijk COOSEMANS

DENMARK

Mr Erik OHRT

GERMANY

Dr Theo RIEDL
Mr Justus FÜRSTENAU
Dr Walter JANSSEN
Mr Eberhard H. BRAUNER
Dr Horst MAGUEL
Mr Heinz MÖHR

FRANCE

Mr Georges IMBERT
Mr Jean LAURENS
Mr Alain AUDIAT
Mr Armand JACQUIER

GREECE

Mr N. SVORONOS

IRELAND

Mr Anthony J. MAHER

ITALY

Ing. Giorgio RAGAZZI
Dott. Francesco NOLI
Dott. Mario CIMENTI

LUXEMBOURG

Mr Lucien JUNG

NETHERLANDS

Mr J.W. BOTS
Mrs S.J.G. WIJNANDS

UNITED KINGDOM

Lord EZRA
Mr J.F. SAFFORD
Mr R.F. RAWLINS
Mr B.E.F. JONES
Mr F. LEDGER
Dr G. MARSHALL

The Council will appoint at a later date the persons to fill two seats allocated to the United Kingdom in the workers category and one seat allocated to France in the users and dealers category.

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities a Decision appointing the members of the Administrative Board of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions for the period 18 February 1985 to 17 February 1988:

GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES

(a) Full members

(b) Alternates

BELGIUM	Mr G. BENS	Mr M. PIERRE
DENMARK	Mr N.O. ANDERSEN	Mr K.O. HANSEN
GERMANY	Mr A. SCHULTE	Dr O. SCHULTZ
FRANCE	Mr B. BOYER	Mrs M.M. DUGHERA
GREECE	Mr P. TSOUKATOS	Mrs M. PATOULA
IRELAND	Mr G.B. O'SULLIVAN	Mr S. QUINN
ITALY	Dr F. ARISTODEMO	Dr N. FIORE
LUXEMBOURG	Mr R. SCHINTGEN	Dr N. RUME
NETHERLANDS	Mr J.L. FRIMA	Drs W.J. KAKEBEEKE
UNITED KINGDOM	Mr O. TYNAN	Mr C.L. ROBSON

REPRESENTATIVES OF WORKERS' TRADE UNION ORGANIZATIONS

	(a) <u>Full members</u>	(b) <u>Alternates</u>
BELGIUM	Mr G. COGNE	Mr A. THYRE
DENMARK	Mr B. NIELSEN	Mr P. CARLSEN
GERMANY	Mr D. TRAUTMANN	Mr E. FEHRMANN
FRANCE	Mr B. MOURGUES	Mr M. LETRON
GREECE	Mr D. PIPERIAS	Mr G. DASIS
IRELAND	Mr P. CARDIFF	Mr D. NEVIN
ITALY	Mr M. ROLLIER	Mr P. UNGARO
LUXEMBOURG	Mr H. DUNKEL	Mr L. RECH
NETHERLANDS	Mr H.P.W. SCHMITZ	Drs A. WOLTMEIJER
UNITED KINGDOM	Mr K. GRAHAM	Mr P. JACQUES

REPRESENTATIVES OF EMPLOYERS' PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

	(a) <u>Full members</u>	(b) <u>Alternates</u>
BELGIUM	Mr G. OTTENBOURGS	Mr P. ARETS
DENMARK	Mr K. HOLM	Mr L.E. NIELSEN
GERMANY	Mr F.J. KADOR	Mr W.D. LINDNER
FRANCE	Mr C. THOMAS	Mr C. AMIS
GREECE	Mr P. MARINOPOULOS	Mr X. CONSTANTINIDIS
IRELAND	Mrs E. BOOTH	Mr F. BRACKEN
ITALY	Mr M. MISUL	Dr G. TOGLIANI
LUXEMBOURG	Mr R. KUGENER	Mr L. JUNG
NETHERLANDS	Dr J.H.J. CRIJNS	Mr J.F. de LEEUW
UNITED KINGDOM	Mr W.H. TAYLOR	Mr D. FLOWER

On a proposal from the French Government, the Council appointed Mr Yves BARSALOU, Vice-President of the Confédération Nationale de la Mutualité, de la Coopération et du Crédit agricoles, as a member of the Economic and Social Committee in place of Mr André LAUR, member, who has resigned, for the remainder of the latter's term of office which runs until 20 September 1986.

Recently, the Council appointed:

- on a proposal from the Greek Government, Mrs Maria MANTZIAFOU-KANELLOPOULOU, Director at the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, as a member of the Advisory Committee on Training in Nursing, in place of Mrs P. NIKOPOULOU, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 7 October 1985;
- on a proposal from the United Kingdom Government, Mr J.J. WALSH, as a member and Miss G. HARRIS as an alternate member of the Advisory Committee on Training in Nursing in place of, respectively, Miss S. COLLINS and Mr J.J. WALSH, for the remainder of their term of office, which runs until 7 October 1985;
- on a proposal from the Greek Government, Mrs Maria MANTZIAFOU-KANELLOPOULOU, Director at the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare, as a member of the Advisory Committee on the Training of Midwives in place of Mrs P. NIKOPOULOU, for the remainder of the latter's term of office, which runs until 7 March 1986.

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988th meeting of the Council

- Agriculture -

Brussels, 25 to 27 February 1985

President: Mr Filippo Maria PANDOLFI,
Minister for Agriculture
of the Italian Republic

The Governments of the Member States and the Commission of the European Communities were represented as follows:

Belgium:

Mr Paul de KEERSMAEKER
State Secretary for European
Affairs and Agriculture

Denmark:

Mr Niels Anker KOFOED
Minister for Agriculture

Germany:

Mr Ignaz KIECHLE
Federal Minister for Food,
Agriculture and Forestry

Greece:

Mr Constantinos SIMITIS
Minister for Agriculture

Mr Walther FLORIAN
State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Food,
Agriculture and Forestry

France:

Mr Michel ROCARD
Minister for Agriculture

Ireland:

Mr Austin DEASY
Minister for Agriculture

Italy:

Mr Filippo Maria PANDOLFI
Minister for Agriculture

Luxembourg:

Mr Marc FISCHBACH
Minister for Agriculture and
Viticulture

Mr Giulio SANTARELLI
State Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture

Mr René STEICHEN
State Secretary,
Ministry of Agriculture and
Viticulture

Netherlands:

Mr Gerrit BRAKS
Minister for Agriculture
and Fisheries

United Kingdom:

Mr Michael JOPLING
Minister for Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Mr John MacGREGOR
Minister of State,
Ministry of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food

Commission:

Mr Frans H.J.J. ANDRIESEN (Member)

WINE SECTOR

After detailed discussions on the proposals relating to the adjustment of the wine arrangements, the Council agreed in principle to the dossier as a whole, without prejudging the Opinion as yet to be delivered by the European Parliament on some of the measures involved (specific measures for Greece).

In accordance with the conclusions reached by the European Council in Dublin on 3 and 4 December 1984, these measures cover three areas, namely the market, structures and specific provisions for Greece.

At market level, the Council agreed in particular to strengthen the compulsory distillation arrangements so as to permit better control of the market and a better balance between supply and demand.

At the same time, in order to make application of the adopted measures more effective, the Council undertook to adopt by 1 October 1985 general rules introducing a Community vineyard register. These rules will in particular encompass the objectives, conditions and time-limits for establishing the register as well as detailed procedures for financing it.

As regards structures, agreement related to the introduction of new arrangements for premiums for the permanent abandonment of vine-growing for the 1985/1986 and 1989/1990 wine years. The new arrangements differ from the previous abandonment measures (Regulation (EEC) No 456/80) in particular through the granting of differentiated premiums on the basis of the productivity of the vineyard, both as regards wine grapes and table grapes and other grapes for specific uses.

Provision is also made, in the event of abandonment of part of a producer's wine-growing area, for the latter to have his replanting rights in respect of the remaining area under vines restricted, with this restriction being adjusted on the basis of the site of the vineyard (category 2 or 3).

The Council also undertook to decide by 1 January 1986, on a Commission proposal, on general arrangements for limiting the right to replant.

As regards Greece, a specific measure to improve the structure of wine production in that country was adopted.

This measure provides in particular for the granting of restructuring premiums in order to improve the quality of production without increasing quantities.

MILK SECTOR - SUPERLEVY

The Council agreed in principle to a number of measures making some technical adjustments to the superlevy system in the milk sector following the difficulties experienced in most Member States in the practical application of the arrangements decided on 31 March 1984.

These measures relate chiefly to:

- the possibility, in certain circumstances, and solely for the current milk year, of offsetting deficits and surpluses between regions and within a region;
- the possibility for producers who deliver both directly to the consumer and to dairies to transfer quantities forming part of the "direct sales" reserve to the "deliveries to dairies" reserve;
- putting all or part of the reference quantity at the disposal of the departing tenant upon expiry of the lease;
- the possibility of admitting as purchasers, in certain areas where dairy undertakings are small, groups of which such purchasers are members;
- reduction, in the case of Belgium, of 25 000 tonnes in the reference quantity for direct sales and an increase of the same amount in deliveries to dairies.

The Council and the Commission stated that the decisions taken for the current milk year would not in any way pre-empt any decisions to be taken for subsequent years, particularly in the context of the "prices package" for the 1985/1986 marketing year.

Furthermore, with a view to later discussions by the Council, the Commission undertook to examine in detail all the economic and statistical aspects of the Italian and Greek requests concerning the transfer of a quantity of milk from direct sales to deliveries to dairies. Regarding Ireland's request that the reference figures for the fixing of its quota be revised, the Council and the Commission agreed that this issue would have to be discussed in depth, having regard to all the legal, economic and statistical factors involved, when the price proposals for the 1985/1986 marketing year were examined.

STRUCTURES POLICY

Following an exchange of views on the adjustment of structures policy, the Council decided to return to this issue as a whole at its next meeting.

AGRICULTURAL PRICES AND RELATED MEASURES

The Council conducted a brief discussion on the Commission proposals on the fixing of the prices of certain agricultural products for 1985/1986 and on related measures and decided to continue its examination of this matter at its next meeting, on 11 and 12 March.

OTHER BUSINESS

WELL-BEING OF ANIMALS AND PROTECTION OF LAYING HENS KEPT IN BATTERY CAGES

Following questions by several delegations concerning progress in this area, the Council took note of a statement by Mr ANDRIESEN that the reports on the well-being of animals in transport and the protection of laying hens kept in battery cages were about to be forwarded to the Council.

PRICE OF NATURAL GAS IN THE SECTOR OF HEATED GLASSHOUSES IN THE NETHERLANDS

Mr ANDRIESEN informed the Council of the Commission's decision of 23 February 1985 recording that the price system for natural gas in the heated glasshouse sector applied to horticulturists in the Netherlands did not comply with the rules of the Treaty and giving the Netherlands Government notice to inform the Commission by 15 March of the measures it had taken as a consequence.

CHERRIES IN SYRUP

In the light of the considerable increase in imports of cherries in syrup from certain third countries, the Council agreed to examine as a matter of priority the proposal for a Regulation introducing import certificates for this product which the Commission had submitted in the context of its proposals on the fixing of the prices for 1985/1986 and related measures.

The Council instructed the Special Committee on Agriculture to prepare the text of this Regulation so that the Council could act at the earliest opportunity.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Other agricultural decisions

The Council took note of the ninth Commission communication concerning the programme for the utilization of co-responsibility levy funds in the milk sector for the 1985/1986 milk year.

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation amending for the second time Regulation (EEC) No 1322/83 on the transfer of 550 000 tonnes of common wheat of bread-making quality by French and German intervention agencies.

Relations with the ACP States and the OCT

- Transitional measures to be applied as from 1 March 1985:

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities:

- = the Regulation concerning the application of Decision No 2/85 of the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers on transitional measures valid as from 1 March 1985;
- = the Regulation on the arrangements applicable to agricultural products and certain goods resulting from the processing of agricultural products originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States or in the overseas countries and territories;
- = the Regulation opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for rum, arrack and tafia falling within subheading 22.09 C I of the Common Customs Tariff and originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States (1 March 1985 - 30 June 1985);
- = the Decision on the association of the overseas countries and territories with the European Economic Community;

- = Council Regulation opening, allocating and providing for the administration of a Community tariff quota for rum, arrack and tafia falling within subheading 22.09 C I of the Common Customs Tariff and originating in the overseas countries and territories associated with the European Economic Community (1 March 1985 - 30 June 1985).

In addition, the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community, meeting within the Council, adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision on the opening of tariff preferences for products within the province of that Community originating in the overseas countries and territories associated with the Community.

Trade matters

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 349/84 suspending tariff concessions and increasing duties under the Common Customs Tariff with regard to certain products originating in the United States of America and establishing quantitative restrictions with regard to other products originating in that country.

The Council decided to authorize the Commission to open, on a reciprocal basis, negotiations with the Swiss Confederation on the conclusion of an Agreement on the mutual reduction of the duties applicable to soups (Common Customs Tariff heading No 21.05) and to sauces and condiments (Common Customs Tariff heading No 21.04).

Relations with Canada

In the light of the restrictive measures adopted by Canada under Article XIX of the GATT in respect of imports of beef and veal and footwear from the Community, the Council approved lists of compensatory withdrawals and authorized the Commission to lodge these lists with the GATT, in accordance with the said Article, unless the current negotiations with Canada came to a satisfactory conclusion before 28 February 1985.

ECSC

The Representatives of the Governments of the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community, meeting within the Council, adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Decision amending Decision No 77/707/ECSC concerning Community surveillance of imports of hard coal originating in third countries.

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989th meeting of the Council

- Foreign Affairs -

Brussels, 28 February 1985

President: Mr Giulio ANDREOTTI

Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Republic of Italy

The Governments of the Member States and the Commission of the European Communities were represented as follows:

Belgium:

Mr Leo TINDEMANS
Minister for Foreign Relations

Denmark:

Mr Knud-Erik TYGESEN
State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Germany:

Mr Jürgen RUHFUS
State Secretary,
Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Greece:

Mr Alexander ZAFIRIOU
Ambassador,
Permanent Representative

France:

Ms Catherine LALUMIERE
State Secretary attached to the
Minister for Foreign Relations,
with responsibility for
European Affairs

Ireland:

Mr Jim O'KEEFFE
Minister of State,
Department of Foreign Affairs

Italy:

Mr Giulio ANDREOTTI
Minister for Foreign Affairs
Mr Mario FIORETTI
State Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Luxembourg:

Mr Jacques F. POOS
Vice-President of the Government,
Minister for Foreign Affairs

Netherlands:

Mr H. van den BROEK
Minister for Foreign Affairs

United Kingdom:

Sir Michael BUTLER
Ambassador,
Permanent Representative

Commission:

Mr Jacques DELORS - President
Mr Frans H.J.J. ANDRIESEN - Vice-President
Mr Henning CHRISTOPHERSEN - Vice-President
Mr Lorenzo NATALI - Vice-President

ENLARGEMENT

The Council focussed its discussions at this meeting on the complex fisheries problem, with a view to preparations for the negotiating sessions from 17 to 20 March with the two countries applying for membership.

Winding up, it instructed the Permanent Representatives Committee to continue its discussions on the subject and on the other main outstanding chapters in the negotiations, in preparation for the forthcoming discussions with a view to the final round of negotiations.

INTEGRATED MEDITERRANEAN PROGRAMMES

The Council heard a statement from President DELORS introducing the latest Commission communication on the Integrated Mediterranean Programmes.

In view of the absence of certain Ministers owing to the weather conditions, the Council agreed to examine this communication in detail at its next meeting.

COMMUNITY'S OWN RESOURCES

The Council continued the search for a solution as a follow-up to the conclusions of the European Council at Fontainebleau regarding both new own resources and United Kingdom compensation for 1984 and to enable the budgetary procedure to be resumed, with a view to arriving at a budget for 1985.

It agreed to continue its discussions on the issue at its next meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Agriculture

The Council adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Directive amending Directive 77/93/EEC (extension until 1 March 1985 of the transitional period laid down to enable the Hellenic Republic to comply with the basic Directive) on protective measures against the introduction into the Member States of organisms harmful to plants or plant products (proposal "B").

The Council also adopted in the official languages of the Communities the Directive amending for the twenty-third time Directive 64/54/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States concerning the preservatives authorized for use in foodstuffs intended for human consumption, entailing the transitional extension from 16 March to 31 December 1985 of the authorization to use thiabendazole for the surface treatment of citrus fruits and bananas.

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MISCELLANEOUS DECISIONS

Relations with the ACP States and the OCT

The Council agreed in principle to all the texts relating to the transitional measures to apply as from 1 March 1985 within the context of relations with the ACP States and the OCT. It also authorized the forwarding of these texts to the ACP.
